

Docket No. VAS-5041CIP2REMARKS

The application was filed with claims 1-102, which have now been canceled. New claims 103-119 have been added. After this claim amendment, claims 103-119 are pending in the application. Of these, one claim is independent and the remaining 16 are dependent claims. Thus, no additional fees are required by this claim amendment.

Support for the new claims is found throughout the specification. See, for example, the claims as originally filed.

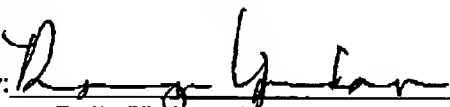
If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225.

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